

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

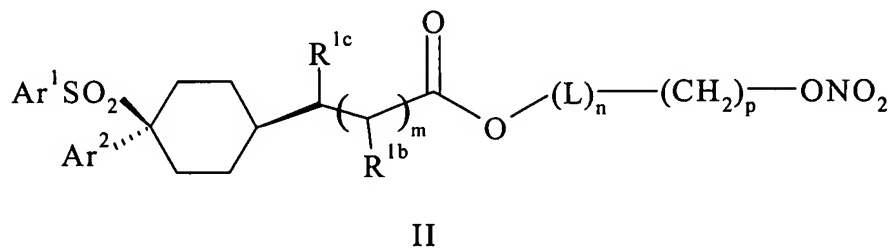
1. (Canceled)

2. (Canceled)

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4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A compound ~~suitable for use in the method of claim 1, said compound being~~ of formula II:



wherein:

m is 0 or 1;

n is 0 or 1;

p is an integer in the range 1-6;

L is a bivalent linking group comprising up to 20 skeletal atoms selected from carbon and oxygen;

R^{1b} represents H, C₁₋₄alkyl or OH;

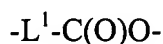
R^{1c} represents H or C₁₋₄alkyl;

Ar¹ and Ar² independently represent phenyl or heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CN, NO₂, CF₃, CHF₂, OH, OCF₃, CHO, CH=NOH, C₁₋₄alkoxy, C₁₋₄alkoxycarbonyl, C₂₋₆acyl, C₂₋₆alkenyl and C₁₋₄alkyl which optionally bears a substituent selected from halogen, CN, NO₂, CF₃, OH and C₁₋₄alkoxy;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein m is 1 and R^{1b} and R^{1c} are both H.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein Ar¹ is 4-chlorophenyl or 4-trifluoromethylphenyl and Ar² is 2,5-difluorophenyl.

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein L is represented by the formula:



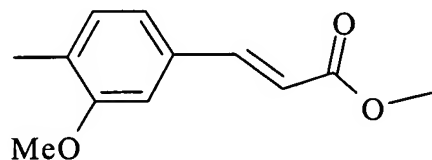
wherein L¹ is a hydrocarbon residue of up to 10 carbon atoms, optionally bearing up to 3 substituents selected from halogen, CN, OH and C₁₋₄alkoxy.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 8 wherein L¹ represents

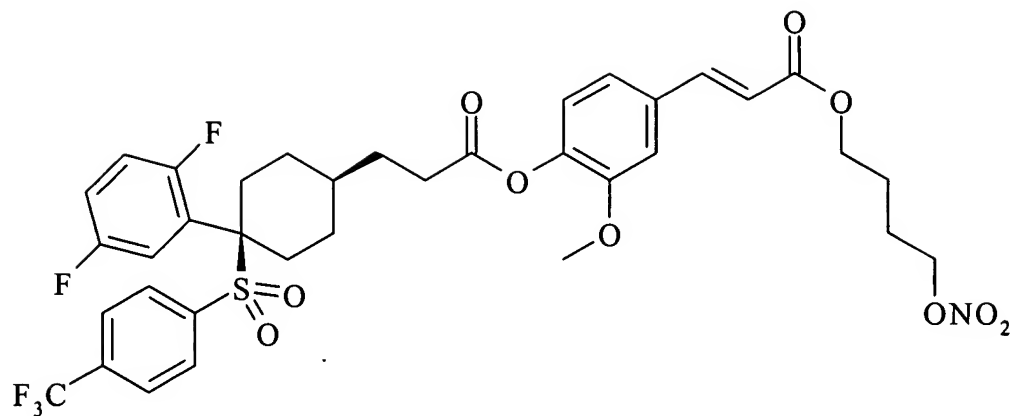


wherein Ar is a phenyl group bearing up to 2 substituents selected from hydroxy and methoxy.

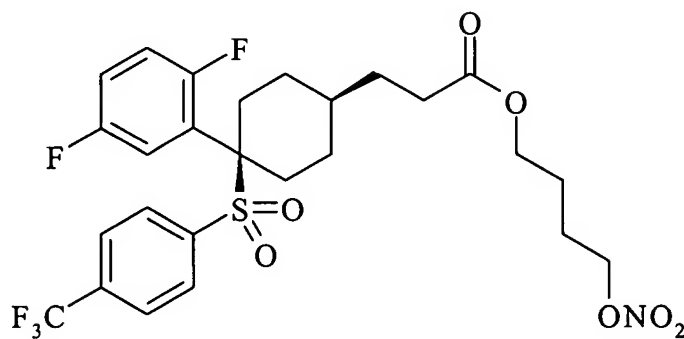
10. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein L represents:



11. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 selected from:



and



and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

12. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 5 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Canceled)